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Subject: MASKS - send to the board for review. Facts of the article may be grounds for legal action.

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To: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>

Subject: MASKS - please make sure the Mayor reads this letter.

The Mayor MUST read this article!He MUST present this information to the Board of Health!

https://www.sott.net/article/434796-The-Science-is-Conclusive-Masks-and-Respirators-do-NOT-Prevent-Transmission-of-Viruses?fbclid=IwAR0jLapoPPuar_EupRR7cUQra6tj6-eoQhUXqgWK0FIDbX5JU2XVP4avksM

Highlights of the article.

Comment: The following review of the scientific literature on wearing surgical and other face masks as a means of preventing the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and thus preventing contraction of 'Covid-19' was published a month ago. And absent some miraculous suspension of decades of hard science on the transmission of viruses, it's *settled*...

The present paper about masks illustrates the degree to which **governments, the mainstream media, and institutional propagandists can decide to operate in a science vacuum, or select only incomplete science that serves their interests. Such recklessness is also certainly the case with the current global lock-down of over 1 billion people, an unprecedented experiment in medical and political history.**

Conclusion regarding masks that do not work

No RCT study with verified outcome shows a benefit for HCW or community members in households to wearing a mask or respirator. **There is no such study. There are no exceptions. Likewise,** no study exists that shows a benefit from a broad policy to wear masks in public (more on this below).

Furthermore, if there were any benefit to wearing a mask, because of the blocking power against droplets and aerosol particles, then there should be more benefit from wearing a respirator (N95) compared to a surgical mask, **yet several large meta-analyses, and all the RCT, prove that there is no such relative benefit.** Masks and respirators do not work.

Precautionary Principle turned on its head with masks

In light of the medical research, therefore, **it is difficult to understand why public-health authorities are not consistently adamant about this established scientific result, since the distributed psychological, economic and environmental harm from a broad recommendation to wear masks is significant, not to mention the unknown potential harm from concentration and distribution of pathogens on and from used masks.**

The ONLY way to stop a virus is through immunity.

To put it simply, **the "second wave" of an epidemic is not a consequence of human sin regarding mask wearing and hand shaking.** Rather, the "second wave" is an inescapable consequence of an air-dryness-driven many-fold increase in disease contagiousness, in a population that has not yet attained immunity.

Conclusion

By making mask-wearing recommendations and policies for the general public, or by expressly condoning the practice, **governments have both ignored the scientific evidence and done the opposite of following the precautionary principle.**

In an absence of knowledge, governments should not make policies that have a hypothetical potential to cause harm. **The government has an onus barrier before it instigates a broad social-engineering intervention, or allows corporations to exploit fear-based sentiments.**

Furthermore, individuals should know that **there is no known benefit arising from wearing a mask in a viral respiratory illness epidemic,** and that scientific studies have shown that any benefit must be residually small, compared to other and determinative factors.